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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

MURAKAMI et al.

Serial No.: 09/991,280

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For: "FLOW CONTROL VALVE  
COUPLING STRUCTURE"

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Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of one (1) month to respond to the Office Action mailed on July 8, 2004, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from October 8, 2004, to November 8, 2004.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$110.00 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Respectfully submitted,

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